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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS

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1. SINCE SPANISH HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN CURRENT NATO TEXT OF DRAFT ATLANTIC DECLARATION AND SINCE THIS FACT IS LIKELY SOON TO COME TO THE ATTENTION OF OUR ALLIES, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD BE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN INFORMING THE ALLIES OF SOME DETAILS OF OUR COORDINATION WITH SPAIN ON ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS AND IN SEEKING ALLIED REACTIONS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM PERMREPS AT THE LUNCHEON ON JANUARY 8 THAT THE U.S. IS COORDINATING WITH SPAIN TO DEVELOP A JOINT U.S.-SPAIN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. WE PROPOSE SAYING THAT AS PART OF THESE CONSULTATIONS WE INTEND TO KEEP SPAIN APPRISED IN DETAIL OF TEXTS OF BOTH THE NATO AND U.S.-EC DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED, AND THAT WE ARE EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH THE SPANISH ABOUT THESE MATTERS. WE ALSO PROPOSE THAT, IN AN EFFORT TO ELICIT SPECIFIC ALLIED REACTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SEPARATE TRILATERAL DECLARATION INCLUDING SPAIN, WE INFORM THE ALLIES THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN AS TO EITHER THE
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SUBSTANCE OR FORM OF A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE TO WHICH SPAIN WOULD SUBSCRIBE. WE WOULD PROPOSE ASKING FOR SPECIFIC COMMENTS FROM THE ALLIES ON THE OVERALL SUBJECT OF SPAIN AND THE ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS.

3. WE EXPECT THERE WILL BE SOME ADVERSE REACTION FROM ALLIES TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE UNILATERALLY UNDERTAKEN TO SHARE A NATO WORKING DOCUMENT WITH SPAIN WITHOUT PRIOR ALLIED COORDINATION. WE ALSO EXPECT QUESTIONS WILL BE RAISED ABOUT COORDINATION WITH OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THESE ARE ADDITIONAL REASONS TO MOVE PROMPTLY TO INITIATE THE DISCUSSION OF SPAIN'S ROLE VIS-A-VIS ALLIED INITIATIVES IN REDEFINING ATLANTIC RELATIONS. IN ORDER TO DEFELCT ANY ALLEGATIONS THAT THE U.S. IS COLLABORATING WITH SPAIN BEHIND THE BACKS OF ITS ALLIES, WE COULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE ALLIES UNDERTAKE A BROAD EVALUATION OF SPAIN'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE ALLIANCE SO THAT ALL POINTS OF VIEW COULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE OPEN. THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SECRETARY'S OBSERVATION AT THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL THAT "THE MOST URGENT ISSUE IS A DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS ARISING OUTSIDE THE ALLIANCE AREA, WHICH MAY NEVERTHELESS AFFECT THE SECURITY AND PROGRESS OF THE ATLANTIC AREA."

4. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT SPAIN HAS ALREADY MADE CONTACT WITH THE FRG ASKING GERMAN SUPPORT IN AS*OCIATING SPAIN WITH A NEW ATLANTIC DECLARATION (U*NATO 6185; MADRID 7619). WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATION THAT SPAIN WILL NOT CONTINUE TO DEVELOP ALL POSSIBLE CHANNELS TO ACHIEVE SUPPORT FOR THE ROLE SPAIN SEES FOR ITSELF IN PARTICIPATING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE ATLANTIC AREA IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORDER. NEVERTHELESS, WE HOPE SPAIN WILL GIVE US A LITTLE TIME TO INFORM OUR ALLIES BEFORE IT REVEALS THAT IT HAS THE LATEST NATO WORKING DRAFT AND THAT IT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE FROM THE U.S. A WORKING DRAFT OF THE U.S.-EC PAPER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE JANUARY 8.
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